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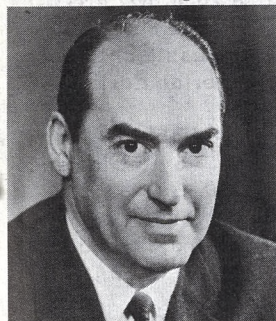
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DR. GOULD, WNDT HEAD PRESS LUNCH SPEAKER

Dr. Samuel B. Gould, Educational Broadcasting Corporation president, will talk about the future role of educational television at Wednesday's Press Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.



Gould

His organization operates the WNDT channel 13 educational station in the metropolitan New York area.

Gould has an extensive background in both education and communications.

Former Chancellor of the University of California and former Assistant to the President of Boston University, he organized and directed the latter's Department of Communications. He is Chairman of the Board of the Broadcasting Foundation of America.

Menon's Successor Due; 2 Events List New Dates

The young successor to India's controversial Krishna Menon is one of the top attractions on the OPC's busy calendar for this month (See p. 2).

The calendar also lists changes for the Robert Capa bust presentation to Tuesday, May 26, and the Cocktail Party with Flamenco entertainment to this Tuesday, May 19.

The May 27 Concert with Elena Raina has been cancelled.

The Indian Defense Minister, Y.B. Chavan, is scheduled for a May 28 Open House appearance. The youngest member of the Indian cabinet, he has been described widely as a spokesman for India's version of the "New Frontier". Open House Chairman Jim Sheldon projects it as "one of our most newsmaking events".



DESCRIBES EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS: Sol Linowitz addresses OPC lunch group.

U. S. Business Can Aid Foreign Policy, Linowitz Tells OPC

Xerox Board Chairman Sol Linowitz last week painted a glowing picture of what American business could do for other countries and for themselves in the process through the new Executive Service Corps he is helping to set up.

Linowitz told a 100-person OPC Luncheon group that the Corps, modeled loosely on the Peace Corps, offers business a chance not only to aid U.S. foreign policy but to clear up what he called the "great misunderstanding of American businessmen" by peoples around the globe.

U.S. business has a great interest in foreign affairs, he said. "We understand that we can't plan our lives, our business or our future without taking into account what's going on in the world around us."

Businessmen today realize that society is faced with unprecedented danger, "yet presented with an unprecedented opportunity," he declared.

The Corps, a non-government effort, would act as clearing house between U.S. companies, willing to send top middle-management men overseas on leaves of absence, with small companies abroad who want assistance. The volunteers would act as on-the-spot business consultants, according to Linowitz.

The executive said that response to queries abroad about the desirability of the Corps was better than expected.

Charter Travelers Set For Thursday's Takeoff

Better than a hundred paying customers and one free-loading owl are ready—bag, baggage and typewriter—to be off on the OPC Charter Flight via TWA to Paris next Thursday.

The owl, of course, is the copper mascot headed for the Paris edition of the *Herald Tribune*, as described in last week's *Bulletin*.

Quite a few of the travelers (estimated at 30% by Charter Chairman *Madeleine D. Ross*) are mixing business with pleasure, with European assignments lined up for them when they arrive. Some

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TWA Jet to Paris.

Early Deadline for May 30 Issue

Deadline for the May 30 issue is at noon, Monday, May 25. The *Bulletin* has to be published a day early, because of the Memorial Day holiday.

Rockwell Manufacturing Company

is a prime example of a company that has grown and prospered from a program of planned diversification. Rockwell makes 24 product lines, including gas meters, water meters, parking meters, valves and power tools. The company has 26 plants in the U.S., two in Canada and two in Germany.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: Gary MacEoin, who has been free-lancing in the Eastern Mediterranean and all over Africa since last fall, is spending a month in Western Europe before heading for Pakistan, India, Malaya, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan. He hopes to reach San Francisco by the end of August with material for another book or two. His "Latin America: the Eleventh Hour" is to appear in an Italian edition via Bolla of Turin.

ARTICLES: Too Much Sex on the Campus, by Lillian G. Genn, with Judge Jennie Loitman Barron of the Superior Court of Massachusetts, in May Reader's Digest, is occasioning phone calls and letters from all over the country. Lillian also has articles upcoming in The Lion magazine. . . . Larry Blochman's "The Killer With No Fingerprints" in Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine for June. . . . Arky Gonzalez represented on the newsstands with a feature on flying safety in Pageant for June and a report on race car designers in the May Science Digest. His one-shot Topical Sports Library Magazine, called "Water Fun Illustrated", is also on the stands this month, and he's just returned from a week in Mexico on assignments for Life en Español. . . . Robert I. Queen, co-chairman of the Emergency Placement Committee for ex-N.Y. Mirror editorial employees at both the OPC and the Newspaper reporters Assn., had another piece in a recent issue of Page One, magazine of the Newspaper Guild.

RADIO & TV: Art Buchwald has been signed as a regularly scheduled star, along with Carol Burnett and Bob Newhart, for "The Entertainers," an hour-long weekly series debuting on CBS-TV this fall. . . . Ralph G. Martin will write the TV documentary on the Democratic National party conventions for CBS. He's the author of the upcoming "Ballots and Bandwagons," a re-creation of the five most important and dramatic political conventions since 1900.

LECTURES: John Mason Potter, news director of Cornell U., addressed the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, Pa., May 4 on "Plots Against Presidents," and that evening spoke at the annual banquet of the Cornell Club in that city. . . . Stan Swinton, asst. general mgr. of AP, discussed the problems of foreign news coverage at the Indiana U. Gridiron banquet celebrating the 50th anniversary of Sigma Delta Chi. He also spoke this month to the Texas Daily Newspaper Assn. and the Tea Council of America before leaving May 15 to visit AP bureaus in Europe and Africa. . . . Gaynor

Maddox, food and nutrition editor of NEA, addressed the annual meeting of the New York State Dietetic Assn. on how to get scientific news into newspapers and magazines. His article on "Food Facts and Fallacies" has just been republished in booklet form by Good Reading Rack Service.

REUNION: Annual reunion of former INS staffers and correspondents will be held in the OPC's 10th floor lounge on May 22 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

BIRTH: A son, Seth Lee, to Madeline Karr Amgott and husband, Milton Amgott.

Calendar

NOTICE: All reservations will be charged to members' accounts unless cancelled in writing 24 hours prior to function.

(Tapes of the Wednesday Luncheons are broadcast regularly at 5 p.m. over WNYC.)

Mon., May 18 — Press Conference, with members of Algerian Parliament. 11:30 a.m.

Tues., May 19 — Cocktail Party, with entertainment by Flamenco Dancers. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wed., May 20 — Wednesday Luncheon, with Dr. Samuel Gould, of educational television Channel 13. 12:30 p.m. \$3.

Tues., May 21 — N.J. Tercentenary Regional Dinner, Cocktails, 6:30. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$5.

Thurs., May 21 — OPC Charter Flight leaves New York for Paris, returns June 21 from London.

Tues., May 26 — Presentation of Robert Capa bust. 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Wed., May 27 — Luncheon with William Haddad, Candidate for Congress. 12:30 p.m. \$3.

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Thurs., May 28 — Open House, for Indian Defense Minister Y. B. Chavan. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m., Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., June 2 — Book Night, "I Rediscover Russia" with Isaac Don Levine. Clare Booth Luce, moderator.

Wed., June 3 — Luncheon, with Mayor Robert F. Wagner. 12:30 p.m. \$3.

Thurs., June 4 — Portuguese Foreign Language Dinner. Aperitif, 6:30, dinner later. \$4.

Fri., June 5 — Luncheon with Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

World-Wide Ticker

Edited by JERRY KRISKA

BELGRADE from JOE PETERS

David Binder, NY Times, returned from Vienna and Warsaw, where he had a powwow with **Paul Underwood**, who is being transferred from Polish capital back home to Times Square. Until Underwood is replaced, Binder will have the tough job of covering everything from Warsaw to Athens, out of Athens HQ. However, **Emanuel Freedman**, Times foreign editor, is due in Belgrade to check on the situation.

There is a big turnover in our embassy staff here, including USIS crew. Our new ambassador, C.B. Elbrick, will, it seems, be working mostly with newcomers. Joe Wheeler, deputy PAO, is leaving for Washington to become USIS deputy assistant budget director. The display officer, Wilfred Wentzel — who is the brother of Volkmar, of Geographic Mag's foreign staff — has been transferred to Pakistan. Jim Conley, films officer, is leaving, and Ray Benson, information officer, goes at year's end to attend staff college in Washington.

TOKYO...from NORMAN SKLAREWITZ

French Premier George Pompidou was luncheon guest of Foreign Correspondents Club, and — as is customary on such occasions — working press fired on-the-record questions at him. Club prexy Lee Chia's quips to M. Pompidou about a Nationalist Chinese newsman being the premier's host so soon after French recognition of Red China fractured the house — and made the wires.

Correspondents here tried out the Japan National Railways' new "bullet train" on a test run, during which it hit 125 m.p.h. . . . New faces on the local scene: Robert Keatley, Wall Street Journal, in from London as Far East Bureau Chief, replacing **Igor Oganessoff**, who'll take over for WJS in Paris; **Robert Morse** here for Life; Y. Ernest Sattow for Rapho-Cuillumette Pictures; **Robert Liu**, new AP reporter.

Marvin Farkas, now doing camera work in Asia for Channel 2 German TV, is starting off with a show on Hong Kong. In addition to cinema shooting, Farkas now has a still studio in Hong Kong, out of which he's handling editorial assignments for a number of publications and newsmen, including UPI Newspix President of Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club is Guy Searls, who invites all transient OPCers to drop by club, located on Hongkong Hilton Hotel's fourth floor.

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AP's Malcolm Browne Describes Life As an Un-Trenchcoated Correspondent

SAIGON: RUMORS, INTRIGUE, DANGER

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE

Saigon is a beautiful, sprawling, sweltering city, where there is more news and work per square foot than any place I've ever done business.

First and most important, there's a war to cover—one that seems endless. There have been periodic political upheavals that shake Southeast Asia. Topping it off, there is a constant stream of high ranking visitors from the States and elsewhere, whose doings and remarks demand reporting.

Saigon is a town where a telephone ringing at 3 a.m. invariably means trouble, and trouble comes often. It may be a bomb in some part of town, it may be a military operation kicking off at dawn, or it may even be a coup d'etat.

It is a town filled with rumors, intrigue, and sometimes danger. I think Saigon comes close to the perfect setting for the old-time movies with foreign correspondents wearing trench coats playing the leading roles.

There was a time, I'm told, when newsmen could sit at a pleasant sidewalk cafe with an aperitif, ogling the graceful girls strolling down Catina Street and talking politics at the end of the day.

I wouldn't know. I got here in 1961 at about the time American troops began to arrive in large numbers, and there was too much work from then on for aperitifs in the evening.

Since then, all the sidewalk cafes have disappeared too, thanks to Viet Cong bombings.

Saigon is too hot for trench coats. The virtual uniform of most newsmen living here is khaki trousers and sports shirt, which does for all but the most formal occasions, when black tie and white evening jacket are demanded.

Battle Gear

But olive drab uniforms, canteen belts and field gear are always close at hand for all of us in the AP office. We rarely have more than 20 minutes to dash to the airport for a helicopter when word comes that some important firefight has begun. Our field packs are packed according to our tastes; Arnett, for instance, likes to take along a few hunks of gruyere cheese. I've never yet found out how he keeps them from melting. Mosquito repellent, water purification pills and a few cans of field rations are essential.

I have a pair of boots one of the local leather shops made for me, with steel plates in the soles. Two years ago on one operation, I stepped into one of the Viet Cong foot traps that stud the Mekong River Delta, and the barbed spike went through the boot well into my foot. It was very unpleasant, and the first thing I did on returning was to get the steel-shod boots.

The AP office itself is a narrow room at street level on broad, tree-lined Rue Pasteur, diagonally across from the palace where Ngo Dinh Diem met his end last Fall. It looks more like a combat command post than a news agency office.

For one thing, it has no teletype machines. Private organizations are not allowed to operate their own radioteletype equipment in Viet Nam.

The office is packed with five large desks, occupied, besides myself, by staffer "Bill" Ha Van Tran, newsman Peter Arnett, photographer Horst Faas and office boy Dang Van Huan. One wall is dominated by filing cases, and the others by enormous, floor-to-ceiling sector maps of Viet Nam with plastic overlays, on which we keep track of important clashes. We try to be neat, but a clutter of cameras, copy, bits of battle paraphernalia and so on is generally too much to cope with.

Our telephone, made of green plastic, is strapped together with adhesive tape because of its many cracks. New telephones are almost impossible to get.

Arnett and I both occupy furnished rooms on the floor above the office, and by some fancy string pulling, we managed to have phone extensions run to each of our rooms. We also managed to buy an old telephone at a thieves' market, which we rotate between us, plugging in to our respective lines.

Cables are brought to the office during the day by government messengers. At night they come to my door. Our own cables must be delivered during the day by our office boy, at night by Arnett or me. This involves a five-minute walk to the government communications center, rousing a sleepy night clerk from his cot and mosquito net. He tolerates this, but cables do not always move very fast.

When really hot news is breaking, we try to get radiotelephone calls through to Tokyo or Paris. This is impossible at night or from Saturday noon until Mon-

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UN Wrangle

Peking Proxy Jabs Soviets

By Earl W. Foell
United Nations Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

World Shrinks, UN Grows

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Rivonia Trial

UN Bloc Looks At Apartheid

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Voting Blocs Crack in UN

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British UN Veto Spotlights Africa

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Campaign Little Noticed

By Earl W. Foell
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Two days before, at the beginning of last week, more notice by the press. Miriam Makeba, an African folk singer, had made a plea for her country's leaders at the opening of the UN Apartheid Committee's latest session. There were spotlights on hand. Miss Makeba's rich voice, cameras on hand.

Intervention Scored

By Earl W. Foell
United Nations Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Britain Ambassador Sir Patrick Dean repeatedly made the point that London believes this to be an internal matter not subject to UN intervention. He also asserted that intervention would mean more harm than good to the delicate negotiations with Prime Minister Winston Field.

Momentum Gathered

By Earl W. Foell
United Nations Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

This achievement has served to raise Ghana's stock here. At the end of August there was little enthusiasm among the members of the African bloc for lining the Southern Rhodesian matter in the Security Council, so close to the start of the General Assembly. But the Nauruan government in momentary to some what amounts to a moral victory which will encourage them to further action in the General Assembly.

Support Surprising

By Earl W. Foell
United Nations Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

To date Afro-Asian (and sometimes Latin-American) support for France has been noticeable, only on peripheral matters. But given the context of French weakness at the UN, it is quite surprising.

Trials Reopened Until April

By Earl W. Foell
United Nations Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

But to date the Rivonia trial has not been reopened. Despite the fact that last October the world voted against South Africa's attempt to delay the trial, the South African government has not yet agreed to reopen it.

ITT congratulates Earl Foell.

The Deadline Club of Sigma Delta Chi has conferred its award for UN correspondence on Earl Foell of the Christian Science Monitor. The award was sponsored this year by International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

Congratulations, Mr. Foell, for your "...distinguished United Nations correspondence based on journalistic initiative, sound interpretation, devotion to the precepts of freedom of information and a demonstrated understanding of world organization problems."



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LOU FRANKEL — Sol Zatt & Co., New York; (F) Radio-TV Daily, WFDR-FM, The Nation, The Billboard, Variety. Proposed by *Sol Zatt*; seconded by *Freeman Fulbright*.

ROBERT S. GALLAGHER — The Reporter Magazine, New York. Proposed by *Donald A. Allan*; seconded by *Dwight Martin*.

CHARLES W. GRUENBERG — Western Electric Co., New York; (F) Newsday, New York Post. Proposed by *B. E. Nathan*; seconded by *Jesse G. Bell*.

WILLIAM A. HOSIE — Hill and Knowlton, New York. Proposed by *Will Yolen*; seconded by *Ben Schechter*.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The OPC's awards are now an important part of American communications life. Happily, honors are a two-way street and sometimes we are on the receiving as well as the giving end. One award that should please us all even though it was addressed to a single OPC committee chairman is a "citation for excellence" which has just been given to *Steve Korsen* (of Borden's), our placement director. The award was from the monthly publication "Practical Public Relations" and was for "exemplary handling" of the Club's job service.

What the granters of the citation had in mind was that Steve not only rounded up 163 jobs in the \$6,500 to \$20,000 range for interested Club members during the past year, but also (helped by *Bob Queen* and others in sister news organizations) managed to find work for 278 *Mirror* editorial workers. There are still 220 *Mirror* workers jobless, but hats are off to Steve and his co-workers for the way they have coped thus far with a major shipwreck.

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Jess Gorkin of *Parade* has signed up one new member a day for 200 days, a long step toward making our World News Center the bustling heart of our profession, which it should be. All the new members and, indeed, every member is urged to volunteer to help on the Club's twenty-odd committees. *Irwin Forman* (McGraw-Hill) who published one of our *Who's Who* eight years ago (at no cost to the Club) needs help on a new one which we hope will be a unique directory of the whole American foreign correspondent world. *Larry Mihlon*, of the *Standard Oil Lamp*, is well on his way to getting the *Bulletin* off the Club's red ink list and needs more helpers as he makes the *Bulletin* still better editorially. Do volunteer!

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Messages of good will continue to come in as we celebrate our Silver Jubilee Year. Senator Javits has wired us that America is lucky to have what the OPC symbolizes: "so many newsmen dedicated to the highest standards of journalism". Senator Keating says "outstanding" is the word for us as we build "a forum for the discussion of the major foreign policy issues confronting our nation". The Sydney and San Francisco press clubs send warm regards.

Barrett McGurn

THOMAS R. JORDAN — Bozell & Jacobs, Inc., New York; (F) The News Review, Electrical World. Proposed by *Wayne Adams*; seconded by *Herbert R. Frankel*.

ERNEST A. KEHR — New York Herald Tribune, New York. Proposed by *Barrett McGurn*; seconded by *Robert S. Bird*.

ARCHER N. MARTIN — Coming Glass Works, New York; (F) Springfield (Ohio) Sun, Springfield Daily News, and News-Sun. Proposed by *Jess Gorkin*; seconded by *Rosalind Massow*.

RAYMOND JOSEPH McHUGH — Copley News Service, Washington, D.C. Proposed by *Charles B. Garnett*; seconded by *Jessie Stearns*.

LEEDS MOBERLEY — New York Daily News, New York. Proposed by *Sidney Kline*; seconded by *Harry L. Welker, Jr.*

MERRILL O'BRIEN — National Petroleum News, New York. Proposed by *C.C. Squire*; seconded by *Lawrence F. Mihlon*.

JOSEPH ALLEN RAFF — Fielding Guide Series Mallorca, Spain. Proposed by *Temple Fielding*; seconded by *A. Everett Hill*.

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Marianne Means - White House Correspondent, Washington bureau of Hearst Newspapers, Washington, D.C.

Warren L. Owens - President, Information Counselors, Inc., New York; (F) Mechanical Contractor Magazine, Tide Magazine.

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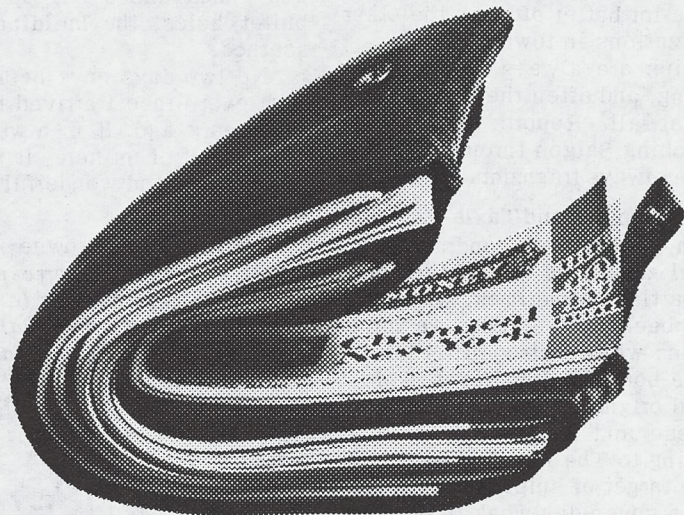
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Browne on Saigon

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day morning, and sometimes leaves us tearing our hair. During the crises of last summer, it was often impossible to get news out at all except by means of "pigeons" — airline passengers willing to carry things for us. It was sometimes like throwing a bottle carrying a note into the seas.

Arnett and I both have old Chinese women servants, who do the laundry, marketing, cooking and cleaning. I pay mine the equivalent of \$30 a month, which is top wages here. Food, especially good meat, is fairly expensive. Prices of appliances, automobiles and so on average about 300 per cent of their cost in the States. Maids don't speak English, but most speak fairly good French.

Ringside Seat

Faas shares an apartment with another correspondent in another part of town. Bill Ha Van Tran, his wife, Mary, and their three children have a house near Saigon airport. The 1960 attempted coup against Diem began near his house, and he had a ringside seat. He narrowly escaped death that day getting into the office in town.

Faas's domain is a latrine in the back of our office that we have converted into a darkroom. The outside sink we installed makes it difficult to get at the toilet. Faas wanted the toilet removed altogether, but we overruled him. It's hard for us to believe, looking at clippings from the States of his fine photos, that they came from such a place. At that, we're a lot better off than the other news organizations in town.

Field trips are always arduous, always exciting, and often the only way to get news at all. Reports of military actions reaching Saigon through official channels are always fragmentary, at best.

Helicopters and Taxis

American authorities generally are fairly helpful getting us helicopter rides to or near battles. Sometimes, when the fights have been near Saigon, we have hired blue and white metropolitan taxis. Recently, we bought a Landrover, which I had painted bright red with white signs in Vietnamese and English identifying it as belonging to The AP. So far, it has not been the target of sniping.

We work a seven-day week in Saigon. Normally, at least one of us is in the field at all times, and someone else must be handy to the phone. Every few months, one of us will take a day off to drive to the seaside resort at Cap St. Jacques, 40 miles from here on the South China Sea coast. The road passes through some Viet Cong plantation country, but the small risk is worth the beautiful white beach and succulent lobsters.

We try to have beers or dinner with our prime Vietnamese and American news sources as often as possible. This is no sacrifice. Cuisine in Saigon restaurants is generally magnificent, and less of a health problem than elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

Only a Grenade Away

Violent news can and sometimes does happen a grenade's throw from the office.

During the coup last Nov. 1, we had some close shaves. The fighting began early in the afternoon in another part of town. We split up, some of us in jeeps, to cover events, leaving Ed White, Tokyo news editor, who had come down to help us out, on the desk in the office.

We called in or came in periodically, sometimes ducking through holes in walls to get out of the path of strafing fighters. By nightfall, the fighting was close to the palace — and the office. A loyal machinegun crew had set up outside the office, and about 50 soldiers had taken up positions in the windows of the building. None of us could get in or reach Ed by phone at that point, barbed wire barricades having been thrown up everywhere.

Finally, at 7 p.m., Ed decided it was time to evacuate, and made it out of the defense perimeter.

A few hours later, two palace guards were killed on the balcony over the office, and their blood covered the front of the building. During the night, a tank blew up 20 feet from the office door. Watching from a few hundred yards away, we were sure the office had been demolished (as well as the rooms Arnett and I had above it). Apart from a few bullet holes, the building survived unscathed.

No two days have been alike in Viet Nam ever since I arrived here two and a half years ago. It is always hard work. But for all of us here, it is fascinating, challenging and wonderful.

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AP's Malcolm Browne *may well be the "most decorated" correspondent in the business right now. His latest, of course, is the Pulitzer Prize (shared with David Halberstam), which caps a long string of similar honors from the OPC, Sigma Delta Chi and the World Press Photo Contest. The latter was for the famous picture of a burning monk in the streets of Saigon.*

These awards are for his two years of reporting from Viet Nam, where the news climate, he says, is "of greater importance than any other in the world".



Browne



WAR IN VIET NAM: Vietnamese troops and their American advisor jump from helicopter as they start attack on village suspected of harboring Viet Cong. (AP Photo)

Charter Travelers

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are even extending their travels to points further East, such as Yugoslavia and Russia, for picture and fact-gathering expeditions.

The OPC's flight has a greater percentage of bona fide professionals on its flight than those of similar organizations because of its spouse-only rule. This year these include publishers, correspondents, photographers, editors, columnists, and free lancers.

Practically all major media are represented in the passenger list. There will be members from New York's *Times* and *Herald Tribune*, ABC, NBC, *Time Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *Christian Science Monitor*, UPI, and many other special publications and news services. (A full list of passengers will appear in next week's issue.)

On the other end of the flight line, charter fliers will be treated to a party at the Terrasse Martini (planned by an OPC committee headed by Bernard Redmont). Bernie Cutler, Paris *Herald Tribune* editor, will meet the owl at the plane. Other welcomes and festivities include a London party (headed by Russ Anderson) and one at Shannon, Ireland.